

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF STUDENTS FROM FLORIDA'S
NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-
TRICT TO THE U.S. SERVICE
ACADEMIES

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students of Florida's Ninth Congressional District who received an appointment to one of the United States Service Academies for 2015. One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is to nominate the best and brightest young men and women of my district to our nation's Service Academies.

This year, my district received a total of 13 offers of appointment, the highest number my office has ever received. Additionally, one student received an appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School. It is my honor to publicly recognize these students for their accomplishments and service to our country.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Military Academy: Jeremy Beesley of St. Cloud, FL; Carla Figueroa of Kissimmee, FL; Lily McDonough of Celebration, FL; John Roche of Orlando, FL; and Elizabeth Rodriguez of St. Cloud, FL. Ms. Rodriguez also received an offer of appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy: Ashley Gooden of St. Cloud, FL; Kevin Mendez of Kissimmee, FL; and Joshua Rice of Orlando, FL.

The following students were appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy: Christina Potts of Orlando, FL; Joshua Volpert of Orlando, FL; Andrew Abdelnour of Orlando, FL; and Mason Hooten of Orlando, FL.

Joel Oviedo of Orlando, FL received an appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School.

I congratulate them all and wish them much success in their military careers.

THANKING VIRGIL JULIOT FOR
HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Reverend Virgil Juliot of Geneseo for his brave service in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

At 18 years old, Mr. Juliot enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served the Army Air Corps for three years during World War II, from 1943 to 1946, as a navigator on a B-29 aircraft with the 313th Wing of the 9th Bomb Group in the Pacific Theater. He was stationed on the Island of Tinian, which is part of the Mariana Islands and home to the world's largest air field. Mr. Juliot completed his service with the rank of First Lieutenant.

In May, Mr. Juliot celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Marilyn. He has been blessed with five children, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren and active in a wide range of church and community organizations across the country. Additionally,

Mr. Juliot has had the distinction of receiving a master Gardener Certificate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Juliot once again for his outstanding service to our nation during World War II and his dedicated service to communities across the country over the past decades. I wish him, and his family, nothing but the very best going forward.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,758,771,144.62. We've added \$7,525,881,722,231.54 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELE SLEEP

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Russele Sleep, of Bedford, Iowa. Russele participated in the 52nd annual World Livestock Auctioneer Championship in Clifton, Texas, from June 10th to the 14th as part of the Livestock Marketing Association's annual convention.

Each year over 100 auctioneers attempt to qualify for the event and as one of the 31 semi-finalists, Russele will compete in a live interview and auctioneering contest. Russele is an accomplished auctioneer having competed in this competition multiple times. As one of the top auctioneers in the U.S., Russele carries on the rich tradition of competitive livestock marketing through hard-work and dedication to his craft.

I applaud and congratulate Russele for this achievement and for representing Iowa at this year's World Livestock Auctioneer Championship. I am proud to represent him in the U.S. Congress and I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Russele and wishing him nothing but continued success in his career.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN MILLETT
ON HER CAREER

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2015

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to congratulate Ms. Kathleen Millett on more than three decades of service to the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

For more than 37 years, "Katie" has played a vital role in overseeing and administering the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition programs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As the Executive Director for the Office of Nutrition, Health and Safety Programs at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Katie oversaw the policy and training development, fiscal and operational work of the office for all federal child nutrition programs including the National School Lunch Program, NSLP, USDA Foods, Child and Adult Care Food Program, CACFP, and the Summer Food Service Program, SFSP. Collectively, these programs annually totaled more than \$300 million in federal nutrition funding.

To ensure that Massachusetts held its spot as a leader in child nutrition programming and outreach, Katie served on many national and state committees. She was State Agency Representative for the national School Nutrition Association's Board of Directors and an advisor to the Massachusetts School Nutrition Association. She was also founding co-chair of the Massachusetts' Action for Healthy Kids State Team, Mass AFHK. Katie also served in numerous leadership positions with national child nutrition groups such as the National Food Service Management Institute, NFSMI, and the Food Research and Action Center, FRAC.

With Katie's help, Massachusetts has always been on the cutting edge of new funding opportunities and practices, including USDA pilot grant programming. Katie has funded and supported The Child Nutrition Outreach Program, CNOP, since 1994, which works to increase participation in NSLP and SFSP. Katie has also funded and supported the John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition at Framingham State University since May of 1988 when it was dedicated as a source of education for food service directors, managers, and workers. Since 1988 a variety of workshops have been provided for both educators and food service staff.

Under Katie's leadership, Massachusetts has received multiple Direct Certification Performance Awards from USDA for improving direct certification rates. Massachusetts now has almost 95% of their eligible children living in households receiving benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, directly certified for free school meals.

With Katie's help, Massachusetts school districts have also dramatically increased school breakfast participation, which is proven to positively impact students' academic success. For example, Katie spearheaded an initiative to increase statewide breakfast participation by 35% and was instrumental in the recent state regulation change, February 2015, allowing Breakfast in the Classroom to count towards instructional time.

Ahead of the USDA Smart Snacks regulations, Katie also helped lead Massachusetts' implementation of nutrition standards for all foods and drinks sold or provided during the school day.

As you can see from these accomplishments, Katie's tireless efforts have significantly advanced the quality of and access to healthy meals for infants, toddlers, adolescents and seniors across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I salute my constituent Katie Millett, on a job well done.